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Governor Minner Announces State Employees of the Year
*-One Team and Four Individuals Receive the Delaware Award for Excellence and
Commitment in State Service-*

Dover – Governor Ruth Ann Minner announced today the 2007 recipients of the Delaware Award for Excellence, which ranged from a team of workers who tried to save a stranger's life to a state employee who partnered with Wilmington communities to provide healing and help following a series of violent crimes in the city.

"These individuals are truly exemplary state employees who have gone above and beyond the scope of their normal daily routines," Gov. Minner said. "They have truly made a difference in the lives of Delawareans, and I commend each one of them for their outstanding efforts."

This year's recipients include:

Delaware Department of Transportation team Kathy English, Carrie Erickson, Carmen Barth and Peter J. (PJ) Wilkins. This group tried to save the life of a woman who was visiting the DelDOT Administration Building.

Robert Dunleavy, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families. Dunleavy partnered with communities and families following violent crimes in the City of Wilmington, going door-to-door to provide information on crisis prevention and mental health treatment services.

John Kirk, Department of Labor. Kirk played an integral role in getting the Workers' Compensation Bill introduced and passed by the General Assembly.

Larry Pelkey, Office of Management and Budget. Pelkey successfully took the lead as Construction Project Manager for Delaware's first Veterans Home, which was delivered on budget and on time for a December public dedication.

Andrea Summers, Department of Safety and Homeland Security. Summers was recognized for her exceptional initiative, leadership and accomplishments in providing consistent, timely and accurate highway safety information to the press and public.

The Delaware Award for Excellence and Commitment in State Service is part of the national Public Service Recognition Week, which recognizes the men and women who serve in federal, state and local government positions.

To view the Delaware Award for Excellence and Commitment in State Service presentation which includes a thank you message from Governor Minner, please go to:
http://www.delawarepersonnel.com/thankyou_emp.shtml ”